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TESTING

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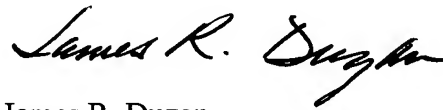
The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/379,257, filed March 3, 2003, pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/607,201, filed June 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,529,793, issued March 4, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/145,758, filed September 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,122,563, issued September 19, 2000, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/801,565, filed February 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,844,803, issued December 1, 1998.

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Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior application, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 form listing all of the information of record in the prior application is enclosed herewith.

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